

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
September 11, 2013**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Stephen LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Rage asked for a moment of silence in honor of all the victims of September 11, 2001 and the victims of Benghazi on September 11, 2012.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd thanked the Board of Selectmen for how they handled the trash pickup on private ways issue.

Commissioner Buckley thanked all the participants and the people who attended the Hampton Talent Competition. It was a big success. The Chamber said they received many compliments on the event.

New Business

Chairman Rage said items in storage in the garage must be removed. There are also items and records in the closet in this meeting room which must be removed.

Commissioner Buckley thanked everyone who sent cards and paid their respects on the passing of her mother.

Chairman Rage said a letter was received from Richard Reniere expressing interest in taking Walter Kivlan's spot on the Hampton Beach Area Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to appoint Richard Reniere as representative to the Hampton Beach Area Commission replacing Walter Kivlan.

Vote: 3 yes 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rage thanked Mr. Kivlan for all the work he has done.

Chairman Rage said he attended a meeting of the HBAC yesterday. A \$300,000 grant from the federal government has been awarded which requires the raising of \$75,000. How to obtain these funds was discussed at the meeting. Mr. Rose from the Department of

Transportation is spearheading this. Hopefully, this can lead to the update of transportation to the beach and will be something no more than five years away.

Chairman Rage noted that this meeting was called at 4:00 p.m. because of the memorial service for 9/11 being held at the American Legion at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of August 14, 2013.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., came forward. Mr. Reniere thanked the Commissioners for his appointment to the Hampton Beach Area Commission and said he would do his best to represent the HBVD.

Mr. Reniere said a report had been given at the Selectmen's meeting regarding the revenue collected from the parking lots. Mr. Reniere asked what percentage of that the Village District would receive. Chairman Rage said the amount has been submitted to the Town and a check should be received shortly. The amount is approximately \$66,000 and was based on past revenues over the previous three years.

Mr. Reniere said there is a large bell in one of the storage bins in the garage. Perhaps this could be integrated in the landscaping for the fire station. Chairman Rage said he would check with Chief Silver. If the bell cannot be used at the fire station it could be given to the Tuck Museum.

Glen French said there was a bell in the Odd Fellows tower. This could be the one. Selectman Michael Pierce suggested that if it is, perhaps it could be incorporated with the clock in front of Centre School. Mr. LaBranche said he had heard that this bell was a gift to the fire department from another fire department. Chairman Rage said he would check with Chief Silver.

Selectman Pierce said there was good feedback on the Seafood Festival. Some did complain about the \$8 admission. Chairman Rage said he would like to see a 3-day pass for locals. Chairman Rage noted that admission is much more expensive at other fairs. Mr. Reniere said more transparency regarding cost and where the profits go would help with public relations. Chairman Rage said he believed this has been done.

Commissioner Buckley asked if there was any money in the budget to pay Roland Durant and his grandson for all their help setting up for Movie Night. Mr. La Branche said there was. Commissioner Buckley also thanked John Kane for his help. Commissioner Rage noted that people who come to Movie Night are very good about cleaning up.

Closing Comments

Commissioner Ladd said there was an editorial in the Hampton Union concerning noise at the beach. Commissioner Ladd said common sense should be used. If you go to a concert expect noise. Essentially the whole beach is a concert for three months.

Selectman Pierce said he felt noise should be reduced after 11:00 p.m. Chairman Rage agreed. Neighbors must work together and respect each other. Selectman Pierce said he thought there would be another public hearing regarding this issue. Commissioner Ladd asked about the State side of Ocean Blvd. Selectman Pierce said it would depend as the State does not want to give up any authority.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary